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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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January 5, 2004

Bob Olson, Assistant Assessor Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor 500 W. Temple Street, Room 325 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re:

Request for County Assessor Documents relating to

property in the City of Whittier

Dear Mr. Olson:

The purpose of this letter to give you notice that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has changed contractors at the Omega Chemical Superfund Site ("Site"). Pursuant to a CERCLA Section 104(e) information request, the County of Los Angeles ("County") has been providing information essential to EPA's investigation at the Site. In order that the County provide this information, the County asked that the information be treated as confidential business information. Thus, EPA could not release such information without the County's concurrence. The only exception to this is that EPA would share the information with its contractors at the Site. In September of this past year, EPA hired a new company to provide technical assistance for the Omega Site. The new contractor is CH2MHill. EPA will be sharing this information with CH2MHill for the purpose of continuing the Site investigation.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Ketellapper at (415) 972-3104, or Thanne Cox at (415) 972-3908. We appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor.

Sincerely, Linda Ketellapper

Linda Ketellapper

cc: Chris Lichens

Thanne Cox